

Proclaiming Christ | Delighting in His Grace | Sharing in His Mission

WELCOME

PRELUDE

“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”
Fred Markey, organ

Paul Manz

*CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT

“Ye Gates, Lift Up Your Heads”

St. George’s, Edinburgh



Ye gates lift up your heads on high; ye
doors that last for ay— be lift-ed up, that— so the King of—
glo - ry en - ter may! But who of glo - ry is the
King? The might-y Lord is this, Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in— might— and strong in bat-tle is. Ev'n that same Lord, that
great— in— might— and strong— in— bat - tle— is.
Al - le-lu - ia!
A - - men, A - - men, A - - men.

*CALL TO WORSHIP

*PRAYER OF INVOCATION

*HYMN NO. 124

“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”

Veni Emmanuel

SHARING OF FAMILY NEWS

SENIOR PASTOR Dr. Todd M. Smedley

PASTORS Rev. Corey Gray | Rev. Ron Meyer | Rev. Thomas Myrick | Dr. Robert Norris

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION & THE LORD'S PRAYER

8:00 *Rev. Corey Gray*

9:30 *Dr. Robert Norris*

11:00 *Rev. Thomas Myrick*

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Genesis 3:8–15

page 3, pew Bible

8:00 *The De Voest Family*

9:30 *Jan Zischke*

11:00 *The Mayer Family*

*HYMN

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence”

Picardy

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, for with blessing in his hand,
Christ our God to earth descendeth, our full homage to demand.

King of kings, yet born of Mary, as of old on earth he stood,
Lord of lords, in human vesture, in the body and the blood;
He will give to all the faithful, his own self for heavenly food.

Rank on rank the host of heaven, spreads its vanguard on the way,
As the Light of light descendeth, from the realms of endless day,
That the powers of hell may vanish, as the darkness clears away.

At his feet the six-winged seraph, cherubim, with sleepless eye,
Veil their faces to the presence, as with ceaseless voice they cry:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Lord Most High!

GIVING OF TITHES & OFFERINGS

8:00 *Steve Liston*

9:30 *Chris Thatch*

11:00 *Tim Donner*

OFFERTORY

“The Yearning”
Sanctuary Choir

Craig Courtney
arr. Douglas Mears

There is a yearning in hearts weighed down by ancient grief
And centuries of sorrow.

There is a yearning in hearts that in the darkness hide
And in the shades of death abide,
A yearning for tomorrow.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

There is a yearning that fills the hearts of those who wait the day of his appearing.

There is a yearning when all our sorrows are erased
And we shall see the One who placed within our hearts the yearning.

Emmanuel, Emmanuel, within our hearts the yearning.

–Susan Bentall Boersma

*11:00 HYMN NO. 624

“Doxology”

Old Hundredth

Children K–3rd grade may come forward during the Doxology. If you are new to our church, please accompany your child.

11:00 PRAYER FOR CHILDREN & DISMISSAL

NEW TESTAMENT

Galations 4:1–7

page 974, pew Bible

SERMON

“The Miracle of the Moment”
1st in the series, “The Miracles of Christmas”

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

CELEBRATION OF THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

*DECLARATION OF FAITH—THE APOSTLES CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God, the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father, we acknowledge and confess before you our sinful nature, our shortcomings, and offenses. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your way, in wasting your gifts, and in forgetting your love. Have mercy upon us, O Lord, who are ashamed and sorry for all that displeases you. Teach us to hate our errors, cleanse us from our secret faults, and forgive our sins for the sake of Jesus Christ, your own dear Son. Speak afresh to us the gospel of your grace, and remind us that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just to forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. In your Son is our salvation, in your promises our hope. Take us for your children and give us the Spirit of your Son, and in the end receive us into your glory, through Jesus Christ our only Savior. Amen.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

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DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

COMMUNION RESPONSE

“Hail the Heav’n-born Prince of Peace!”

Mendelssohn

Hail the heav’n-born Prince of Peace! Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all he brings, ris’n with healing in his wings.
Mild he lays his glory by, born that man no more may die;
Born to raise the sons of earth; born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing, “Glory to the newborn King!”

*BENEDICTION

*PASSING OF THE PEACE

POSTLUDE

“Wake, Awake, for Night is Flying”

Dennis Eliot

**Congregation standing, if able*

An Elder and Women’s Ministry representative are available for prayer or ministry at the front of the Sanctuary at the conclusion of each service.

Roses on the organ celebrate births and adoptions within our family of faith.

Reed was born August 9 to Linnéa and Stephen Byers
Benjamin was born October 22 to Karen and Tim Barrett
Conrad was born October 29 to Amber and Derek Marble

We pray God will strengthen and guide each of these families.

The morning worship service is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 a.m. locally on WAVA 105.1 FM and streaming at wava.com.

Hearing enhancement units are available for checkout in the Media Center or ask an usher for assistance.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

This Evening, 6:00 p.m.

“A Great and Mighty Wonder”

1 Timothy 3:14–16

Rev. Ron Meyer

A program of instrumental music and carols with Fourth Orchestra, Fourth's Flutes and Jubilate Quartet.

NEXT SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

MORNING SERVICE

8:00, 9:30, 11:00 a.m.

“The Miracle of Manifestation”

John 1:1–4

Dr. Todd M. Smedley

A FESTIVAL OF LESSONS AND CAROLS

6:00 p.m.

Doors open at 5:00 p.m.

With choirs and full orchestra,
Scripture readings and Christmas carols.

No childcare provided. Room 210 will be available with a live feed of the service for parents who need to care for their children, 3 & under.

STEWARDSHIP & FINANCE

General Giving

Annual Budget \$ 4,706,216

Year to Date Received \$ 3,667,341